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Stories on the verdict at New Orleans, announced late the afternoon of October 11, were carried by the wires of The Associated Press and United Press International and were noted in New York and other papers.

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(Tobacco Suit)

New Orleans -- A 12-member Federal court jury yesterday cleared the Liggett and Myers and R. J. Reynolds tobacco companies of and liability in the \$150,000 damage suit brought by a widow who claimed her husband's death was caused by smoking.

The jury, after deliberating one hour and 40 minutes, decided against Mrs. Victoria St. Pierre Lartigue. It was composed of six men and six women -- seven of whom were smokers.

Mrs. Lartigue charged that her husband, Frank J. Lartigue, died in 1955 of lung cancer caused by excessive smoking. He was 65.

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NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE
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LUNG CANCER SUIT FAILS

New Orleans Jury Refuses to Link Death to Cigarettes

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NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 11 (AP)—A jury composed of seven smokers and five non-smokers returned a verdict in favor of two tobacco companies today in a \$150,000 damage suit contending that a 65-year-old man died of lung cancer caused by cigarettes.

The jury of six men and six women deliberated an hour and forty minutes before returning its verdict to Federal District Judge Herbert W. Christenberry.

Mrs. Victoria St. Pierre Lartigue of Houston, Tex., sued the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company, and the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. H. Alva Brumfield, her attorney, said he would appeal the case.

The verdict followed three weeks of testimony and argument. Judge Christenberry gave to the jury a choice of three verdicts: in favor of the plaintiff, against one of the tobacco companies or against both.

Jury Rejects Lung Cancer Death Claim

Tobacco Firms Win In Suit for \$150,000

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 11 (AP)—A twelve-member jury, composed of smokers and non-smokers, returned a verdict in favor of two major tobacco companies today in a \$150,000 damage suit contending a sixty-five-year-old man died of lung cancer because of cigarettes.

The jury—six men and six women—deliberated one hour and forty minutes before returning its verdict to Federal Judge Herbert W. Christenberry.

Mrs. Victoria St. Pierre Lartigue brought the suit against the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co. and the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. She claimed her husband died of lung cancer

in 1955 and contended cigarette smoking was responsible for his affliction.

Appeal Planned

Attorney H. Alva Brumfield, who represented Mrs. Lartigue, said he would appeal as soon as Judge Christenberry signs the judgment.

The jury's judgment ended three weeks of testimony and arguments. Judge Christenberry gave the jury—seven smokers and five non-smokers—a choice of three verdicts—one in favor of the plaintiff, one against either one of the tobacco firms or against both of the companies. He said all twelve jurors had to agree on the verdict.

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